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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. (Air) [REDACTED]

TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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EVALUATION See below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 20 May to 2 June 1950

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A DATE PREPARED 26 July 1950

REFERENCES (Air) [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. On 26 May 1950, only seven single-engine fighters were seen standing outside the hangars at the Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield. The conventional fighters previously stationed there were not seen. Four jet planes were standing at the take-off point and five planes of the same type in front of the hangars. More jet fighters were probably parked in the hangars. Trucks with searchlights, were seen at the field. The AA gun emplacement at the field was still unoccupied. *

2. The jet planes made day and night flights after 23 May 1950. ** The day flights were usually made in formations of two and the night flights were made individually. A searchlight was in operation during take-offs and landings. The boundary lights were not lit.

3. On 24 May 1950, a pilot, without flying suit or parachute, got into a jet fighter and took off.

4. Trucks entered and left the field between 20 May and 2 June 1950. Guard duty at the field, the responsibility of German police and criminal officials wearing civilian clothes, was intensified. ***

* Comment. The presence of an AA gun emplacement of four guns was confirmed by other sources. See (Air) [REDACTED]

** Comment. Night flights with jet planes reported from Zerbst airfield for the first time. Night flights with jet planes have been reported only from the Parchim airfield. See (Air) [REDACTED]

*** Comment. Both field by jet planes. field is occupied by two fighter regiments. A third regiment assigned to the same division is assumed to be stationed in Brandenburg-Briest. The jet planes counted do not represent the total strength. About 40 jet planes are believed to be stationed in Zerbst. See (Air) [REDACTED]

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